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AOI, A FIRST YEAR STUDENT IN AN ALL-BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, IS A VIOLENT BUT BEAUTIFUL BOY. VIEWING HIS GOOD LOOKS AS A BURDEN, HE RUTHLESSLY REJECTS EVERY GUY THAT APPROACHES HIM. UNTIL ONE DAY, AOI NOTICES AZUMA, WHO'S BEEN "OBSERVING" HIM QUIETLY FROM THE SIDELINES. TO HIS SURPRISE, AZUMA'S ATTITUDE ACTUALLY MAKES HIM FEEL SAFE, AND HE SLOWLY FELL IN LOVE?!

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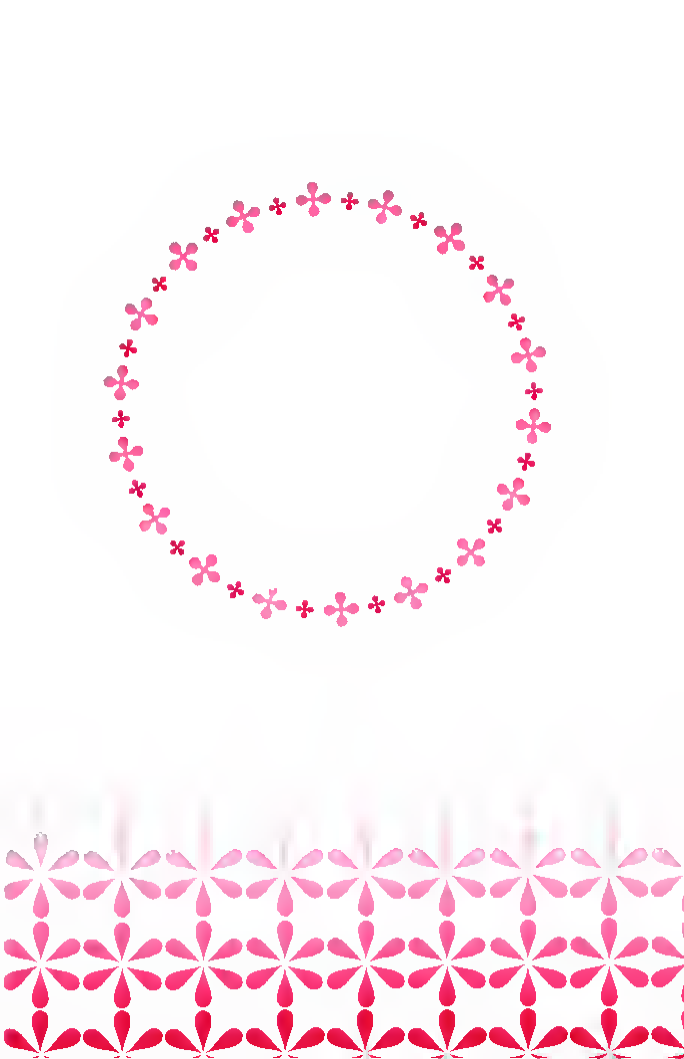

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Chapter 1

It feels like I'm marrying off my daughter.

I've been good-looking ever since I was born.
With longer eyelashes than girls, big eyes, cute nose and mouth.
But those things are just a pain for me.
—That is to say

If intimidation is a trait that one must have,
Let's do it, ra—dy—
Hey, now is a good opportunity—
In the world of men, if you don't eat, you get eaten.
A-H
then I was born with a natural disadvantage in this area.
PINCH
!!!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, AOI
DID I HURT YOU?

DON'T LOOK SO HAPPY AFTER BUMPING INTO SOMEONE!
ASSHOLE!
Huh?
LET'S GO, TOMINAGA
Stunned—
OKAY

I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD THAT BY YOU, "MAD DOG"
WHAT IS THAT
Because he's the fighter type
Push through
YOU ARE AS VULGAR AS EVER,
SAYING "ASSHOLE" WITH THAT FACE

DISGUSTING HOMOS!!
HE BUMPED INTO ME ON PURPOSE,
JUST SO HE COULD TOUCH ME

THEY JUST WANT TO USE ME AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR WOMEN.
AND YOU TALK AS IF IT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU, TOO.
BEING TOO BEAUTIFUL IS ALSO TROUBLESOME
This school—Seimiya Academy—is an all-boys school
IT SURE IS DIFFERENT HAVING A BOYFRIEND IN POWER.
How nice.
Since it's an elevator school from middle-to-high school, gay relationships are rampant.
Hehehe
WELL, NO ONE'S BEEN BOTHERING ME LATELY.
PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
Hehe
Even the previously normal Tominaga was infected by this atmosphere a while ago.
YEAH, YEAH... YOU GO AHEAD
SEE YOU LATER, AOI—
WELL THEN, I'M HEADING OFF TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S OFFICE.
And also because of that, guys who look weak find themselves the target of other guys.

Hiss
A Snake!!?
HMM?
HE SURE FELL IN LOVE SUDDENLY...
OH. IT'S JUST A LITTLE ONE—
I'M SCARED
IT'S PROBABLY NOT POISONOUS
WHAT KIND OF SNAKE IS THIS...
HISS
HISS
CHILDREN'S PYTHON

ANTARESIA CHILDREN,
A PYTHON SPECIES.

AH—
PICK UP
DROP
UM
IS IT YOURS?
shake shake
E-H?
IT'S NOT?!
UM
THAT
DON'T ABUSE IT OKAY?
……

STARE...?
——?

.....
.....
WH—
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM...?
TURN
LEAVE
His stare... felt decidedly different from the others
It wasn't filled with scorn or lust
It was simply... quiet.

Like he was "observing" me...

1-4
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND BEFORE...
HE WAS REALLY TALL... IS HE A FIRST YEAR?
5/31
THOUGH HIS STARE DIDN'T DISGUST ME... IT STILL BOTHERED ME A LITTLE~~
HMM?
STRETCH

AOI, YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD SINCE YESTERDAY.
AHH— JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING.
IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU BOTHERED BY SOMETHING.
AOI—
HEY, WHAT YOU DO MEAN BY THAT!
TAKANO-SENSEI IS CALLING YOU TO THE BIOLOGY LAB.
HAH?
CARELESS REACTION
DON'T JUST SAY "HAH"-
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I ONLY SCORED 25 POINTS ON THE LAST TEST.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
THAT'S PROBABLY IT.
GOOD LUCK!
GEEZ, THAT GUY—

THE GAP BETWEEN HIS LOOKS AND PERSONALITY IS ALSO TOO WIDE~~
THAT'S TRUE~
What do you mean by "also"?
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE HIM
HE'S THE MOST VIOLENT ONE AMONG US.
BIOLOGY LAB
.....

—WASN'T IT
TAKANO-SENSEI WHO CALLED ME?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?
YOU WEREN'T MISTAKEN. IT WAS TAKANO.
THAT'S RIGHT— I'M CALLED TAKANO, TOO.
YOU PROBABLY JUST MISTOOK ME FOR SENSEI, RIGHT?
!
Clang!

WE CAN'T KEEP SATISFYING OURSELVES
Haha
You are!
It's decided
WILL YOU BE OUR PARTNER?
SAY, AOI—
WE'RE TIRED OF THIS ALL-BOYS LIFE
CH'
THEY LOCKED IT FROM THE OUTSIDE
AHH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT
WELL... I'M SORRY BUT— I HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT OF A GUY
TOMINAGA'S GOOD TOO, BUT HIS FIGHTING SKILLS ARE SCARY
And the student council is scary too
WITH AOI-KUN'S CUTE FACE, THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL

HUH?
YOU SICKOS
THIS IS WHY I HATE ALL-BOYS SCHOOLS
SO EVEN IF YOU SAY "NO", IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?
I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY SIMILAR RUMORS ABOUT AOI-KUN.
SLAP
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT...
IT'S 3 AGAINST 1, YOU KNOW...
WHAT, YOU DON'T WANT IT?
YOU GUYS ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT, NOR AM I PHYSICALLY STRONG
THAT'S TRUE...

I'LL PROBABLY BE OVERPOWERED BY YOU AND END UP GETTING RAPED
BUT, BEFORE THAT...
TAKE OUT
AT LEAST ONE OF YOU—
Click
WILL GET HIS EYES POKED OUT BY THIS.

SHIVER
—UHH
HEY WHO SAID THAT IT'S OKAY TO HIT ON AOI?
I HAD NO IDEA THAT HE'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
WHISPER
I DON'T WANT TO SEE BLOOD
WHISPER
UHH
YOU IDIOTS, IT'S 3 AGAINST 1! WE CAN'T JUST RUN AWAY...
OPEN

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE WOULD BE IN A ROOM FILLED WITH SPECIMEN JARS?
DIDN'T ANY OF YOU LOCK THE PREPARATION ROOM?!
STEP
.....
He's so tall
STARE...
SI — LENCE
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
Shuffle Shuffle
Unlock
THAT'S RIGHT!
STEP ASIDE!
AH—AH— HOW DISAPPOINT-ING
I DON'T WANT TO PLAY ANYMORE

!
This guy—
Slam!
Shuffle
Shuffle
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE—
BUT I WON'T THANK YOU
is from that time.

THEY RAN AWAY BECAUSE OF YOUR HEIGHT,
BUT I COULD'VE TAKEN CARE OF THEM.
SO DON'T THINK THAT YOU SAVED ME
.....
EVEN I THINK I SAID TOO MUCH JUST NOW
BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AFFECTED BY IT
AHH—

I KNOW.
AOI IS STRONG.
FOR HIM TO SAY IT SO FRANKLY IS A LITTLE...
He spoke in complete sentences!
I DIDN'T INTEND TO SAVE YOU.
I JUST CAME TO GET PET FOOD FROM THE FRIDGE.
PET FOOD?
AHH
OPEN

WAH
EH?! WHAT'S WRONG...
IT'S FOR THAT SNAKE.
YOU'RE KEEPING THE SNAKE IN THE PREPARATION ROOM?
Open
IT ACTUALLY BELONGS TO THE BIOLOGY CLUB.
It looks more than the snake!
YOU... YOU'RE GONNA FEED IT MICE?
IT'S A FEEDER MOUSE
EHH—
It will be swallowed whole.
CLANK
OUR SCHOOL HAS A BIOLOGY CLUB?
OOOH!

DO YOU WANT TO FEED IT?
FROZEN MOUSE
NO THANKS
IT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR ME
NO THANK YOU
I SEE
Ah
that look...
IT'S THE SAME ONE AS WHEN I FIRST MET HIM—

That look of "observation"
THOUGH THAT LOOK IS NATURAL WHEN DIRECTED AT A SNAKE
NO, WAIT A MINUTE HERE
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN WHEN HE WAS USING THE SAME LOOK FOR ME?
I'M BEING TREATED THE SAME AS A SNAKE
But, strangely...
SIGH
STUFFED
HOW DO I SAY IT— I DON'T DISLIKE IT
DO YOU LIKE SNAKES?

OH—
EVEN ANIMALS THAT CAN'T BE TAMED?
AHH.
...NOT JUST SNAKES
I LIKE ALL ANIMALS

AN ANIMAL LOVER?
AND THAT'S WHY,
ANIMALS THAT ARE STRONG—
ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL TO ME.

I THINK AOI IS VERY BEAUTIFUL, TOO.
STRONG,
PURE,
AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD

AHH—
I UNDERSTAND
your reason
?
VERY BEAUTIFUL.
BLUSH~~
.....
He's giving me the same compliment that he gives to animals.
WHY IS IT THAT I DON'T DISLIKE THIS GUY LOOKING AT ME?
BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HOLD A SINGLE DEVIANT THOUGHT IN HIS MIND —
On some level, he's very simple-minded

His stare contains only a thirst for knowledge.
And what attracts him to these animals is...
curiosity.
HE'S MUCH BETTER THAN THOSE WHO ONLY APPROACH ME BECAUSE OF MY LOOKS AND TREAT ME LIKE A WOMAN
And I don't mind the compliments either.
SAY,
DOES ANYONE ELSE COME HERE BESIDES YOU?
NO

BECAUSE IT'S DARK AND MAKES PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE, SO NO ONE EVER COMES
I THOUGHT SO.
THEN, WOULD YOU MIND IF I COME HERE?
I DON'T MIND.
Great!
I'LL DEFINITELY DROP BY OFTEN!
UNEXPECTEDLY, AOI IS A STRANGE PERSON.
I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD THAT BY YOU

I'LL LET YOU "OBSERVE" ME PROPERLY.
YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT ME, EVEN THOUGH WE'VE NEVER TALKED BEFORE.
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ME?
WILL YOU LET ME GROOM YOU?
I REFUSE TO BE TREATED LIKE A DOG.
Groom?
OH, RIGHT.
THIS GUY REALLY IS WEIRD.
He's more like a cat than a dog...

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Chapter 2

The weather is getting warmer.
Open
PREPARATION ROOM
AZUMA—
LET ME USE THE FRIDGE
CAN CAN KUN
Today, my target is the biology preparation room.
And what greets me is the snake and formaldehyde solution—
I DON'T MIND
BUT,
ARE YOU OKAY WITH PUTTING THAT NEXT TO PINKY?
and this guy. Azuma Takahiro

DAMMIT,
I EVEN BOUGHT TOMORROW'S PORTION...
Ah— It's really filled with Pinkys...
Ah well, I'll just give one to you
Pinky & the pink feeder mouse (frozen).
.....
Uh...
ARE YOU COMING TOMORROW TOO?
HUFF
YUP, IT FEELS GOOD HERE.
I WON'T LET YOU MONOPOLIZE THIS PLACE.
So Not
OR DO YOU FIND ME ANNOYING?
GLANCE
A KING?
NO.
IF I STAY IN THE CLASSROOM, IRRITATING PEOPLE WILL TRY TO TALK TO ME
UNTIE
THOUGH I USUALLY HANG OUT WITH TOMINAGA
But he's in the springtime of his love right now

AZUMA IS LIKE A NINJA...
YOU'RE SO TALL, BUT FOR HALF A YEAR THAT YOU'VE BEEN HERE, I'VE NEVER NOTICED YOU IN THE CLASS NEXT DOOR.
POPSICLE
THAT'S BECAUSE AOI ATTRACTS ATTENTION.
!
THAT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN OTHERS, RIGHT?
?
BLAME WHAT?
BLANK
WHAT?
...ARE YOU BLAMING ME?
Suspi-cious
.....
HE'S UNEXPECTEDLY OBSERVANT
BULL'S EYE

1 - 4
SWALLOW
AOI...
I HEARD YOU GOT A BOYFRIEND
IS THAT TRUE?
Azuma is still inexplicable as always.
But he doesn't make people wary of him.
NOTHING.
Turn
Hah?!
Vein Pop
NO NO, IT'S A RUMOR THAT'S BEEN SPREADING ALL OVER THE SCHOOL, AOI
I'M INNOCENT~~!!!
OW OW OW OW
PULL PULL PULL PULL PULL
JUST WHO FED TOMINAGA SUCH A CRAZY IDEA?
WAS IT YOU, NAKAZATO?

WELL, LATELY YOU'VE BEEN DISAPPEARING FROM THE CLASSROOM AS SOON AS CLASS IS OVER.
AND SOME IDIOT FOLLOWED YOU.
What!?
AND HE SAID HE FOUND YOU WITH ANOTHER GUY, AND IT LOOKED LIKE YOU TWO WERE DATING
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
I WAS JUST HANGING OUT WITH A CLASSMATE FROM THE SAME YEAR, AND THIS KIND OF RUMOR STARTS ?
JUST WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS SCHOOL .
Makes people uncomfortable
WELL, THAT'S TRUE~~.
IN FRONT OF SPECIMEN SOAKED IN FORMALDEHYDE AND HUMAN SKELETON MODELS?
..STOP IGGING
..STOP IGGING..

AH...!
IS IT OBVIOUS? (LAUGH)
YOU SHOULD'VE JUST DENIED IT!
YOU PROBABLY JUST HEARD IT FROM KAKIMOTO-SENPAI AND OOKUBO-SENPAI, RIGHT?
DO YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK!? YOU KNOW THAT I HATE THESE HOMOS!
You know that's all there is!!
THEN IT'S JUST A RUMOR?
COUGH
SO... WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?
AH, AZUMA?
A TALL AND EXPRESSION-LESS GUY.
HARD TO UNDERSTAND
And very low-key.
IF HE'S NOT A BAD GUY, THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO DENY THIS RUMOR.
Hmm
OH! THAT'S THE GUY WHO ALWAYS RANKS 1ST ON TESTS!
EH?
REALLY?
Knowledgeable
Aoi
Naka
SAY, Tomi

"Well..."
...HAH?
SO PRETEND.
HMM...
"Don't you remmeber how I also used to be hit on all the time?"
That's right, I'll do them all day.
"But ever since I started dating the student council president, people who approach me have drastically decreased."
"Being single is tough"
And we're known around the school as a couple.
Ugh, can't get close.
"If he's not targeting you, then isn't it okay to just leave the rumor alone?"
HMM.

AH,
AOI!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO
UM, SORRY,
I DON'T THINK I DID.
Actually, I threw them all away
AHH— I SEE
WAH
DID YOU READ MY LETTER?
AAH
SORRY, I'M MEETING SOMEONE.
WELL THEN, MAY I HAVE A BIT OF YOUR TIME?
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...

I'M SORRY!!
I JUST NEED A MINUTE!
PLEASE...
WELL, I'LL BE OFF.
UGH.
BUT MY POPSICLES..
ARE GOING TO MELT
It's just like Tominaga said... the most annoying type is this "I want to go out with you" type.
But... even if it's to avoid these types of situations—
It's even worse than those perverts who're only interested in sex, since it's harder to reject

IS IT THE SNAKE'S FEEDING TIME?
NO.
AHH.
PUSH PUSH
GOOD AFTER-NOON.
THIS TOUCHES ON A MAN'S PRIDE...
Open
I PUT ALL THE PINKYS TOGETHER IN A CONTAINER AND PUT IT ON THE LOWER SHELF OF THE FRIDGE.
SO YOU CAN PUT YOUR POPSICLES ON THE TOP SHELF.
CLOSE
.....
AH, TODAY.
UM,
I ALSO BOUGHT ONE FOR YOU.
THAT'S OKAY.

HE'S A NICE GUY...
Hmm.
IF YOU DO THAT
THEN I'LL BE PERMA-NENTLY STATIONED HERE
?
DIDN'T YOU INTEND TO DO THAT FROM THE START?
WELL, I'LL MAKE SOME ROOM SO YOU CAN NAP HERE, TOO.
Maybe over here...
OH,
REALLY?
HE'S STILL TREATING ME LIKE AN ANIMAL
But it doesn't matter
It feels comfortable.

OPEN
I'll just infect this place with my personality.
IF HE'S TREATING ME LIKE AN ANIMAL, THEN HE'LL FORGIVE ME NO MATTER WHAT I DO, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Food cans?
Pass
TAKE THIS
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
MEOW

MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
PUUURR
OOOH.
Ooooh
THAT'S GOOD THIS IS HOW THE BIOLOGY CLUB GREETS GUESTS
Hurry up and feed me.
MEOW
NO.
MEOW
Ooooh
MEOW
ARE YOU ALLERGIC?
MEOW
MEOW
Happy
Dammit~~ ~~~~~~~!!!
Defeated

"If he's not a bad guy, then maybe you shouldn't go out of your way to deny that rumor."

Free~ze
WU—
WAH~~
~~~~~~
OH
~~~~~~

AOI IS ACTUALLY SLEEPING ON YOUR LAP...
WHAT KIND OF SPELL DID YOU USE, AZUMA?
I MADE HIM A NEST.
AND GAVE HIM SOME TOYS, THEN I JUST LEFT HIM ALONE
And somehow this happened.
AH, I UNDERSTAND.
AOI LIKES TO BE LEFT ALONE
YOU'RE AMAZING, AZUMA—
You're observant
SINCE HE'S BEEN DISAPPEARING EVERYDAY DURING LUNCH TIME,
Hmm
I THOUGHT THAT YOU MUST BE SOME AMAZING PERSON.
—HNN

I'M ENVI-OUS.
HE'S NEVER EVEN BEEN THIS COMFORTABLE AROUND ME.
He's drooling
.. IS THAT SO?
YUP! AOI'S A VERY CAUTIOUS AND SUSPICIOUS CREATURE
PHEW
HE'S NOT SO EASILY CAUGHT BY JUST ANYONE

AREN'T YOU HAPPY
TO BE CLOSE TO HIM?
I AM.
Is he really?
His expression didn't change at all
WELL THEN,
IT WON'T BE EASY, BUT I'M LEAVING HIM IN YOUR CARE
Glance

HNN
HMM
turn over
..OH WELL..
MUKAUK
WON'T DO ANYTHING TO HIM...
HUH.
EH?!
AOI, ARE YOU REALLY...
..UGH
SQUEEZE

GOING OUT WITH AZUMA?!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
YOU'RE USING THE WRONG WORDS
I'M SIMPLY GOING TO USE THE RUMOR, LIKE TOMINAGA SUGGESTED
AND SINCE IT'S AZUMA, HE WON'T COME ON TO ME
IT'S TOO ANNOYING OTHERWISE, SO I'M JUST GOING TO ADMIT TO THE RUMOR.
Ahh yes sir.
And you guys shouldn't listen in other!

EHH..... THAT'S GREAT
BUT, AOI—
Though in terms of fame, Azuma can't compare to the student council president.
THIS WAY, THE GUYS WHO APPROACH ME WILL DECREASE
THANK GOD
HAVE YOU TOLD AZUMA ABOUT THIS PLAN?
Don't b- ut just because it'll be a real trouble-some.
Ah.
.....
IF YOU'RE GONNA PRETEND TO DATE HIM, THEN YOU MUST TELL HIM! WHAT IF HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND?
OF COURSE!!
WOULD IT BE BAD IF I DON'T TELL HIM?
You're really a kid.
THAT GUY?

HE SURE IS VICIOUS ABOUT SOMEONE HE'S CLOSE TO
He's a guy who feeds snakes and plays around with formaldehyde
NO WAY, NO WAY! THERE'S JUST NO WAY!
HA HA HA
BUT ANYWAY, I SHOULD TELL HIM ABOUT IT
BECAUSE THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO WILL REFUSE TO BELIEVE IT

PREPARATION ROOM
Shake
Shake
Shake
Shake
Shake
Shake
WHAT EXPERIMENT ARE YOU DOING TODAY?
It's very loud
SAY, AZUMA—

I MIXED BUTTER WITH SALT IN THESE BOTTLES
It's also an experiment with butter
Shake
Shake
Shake
Shake
WHY ARE YOU SHAKING IT?
NOW I'M SHAKING IT TO MAKE CREAM
Ah, and a baguette, too? (laugh)
Shake
Shake
Shake
I'M MAKING CREAM.
EH?
DO YOU LIKE CREAM?
IT'S OKAY.
Let me see it.
I DON'T DISLIKE IT...
YOU SURE ARE KNOWLEGEABLE, AZUMA
DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
Ohh, it still looks like butter
OH RIGHT.

...WHY DO YOU ASK?
AH, ACTUALLY,
THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT YOU AND I ARE DATING.
AND I ADMITTED IT.
ADMITTED IT?
Stop
Ha.
AND THEN...
Open

AOI, YOU'RE HERE AGAIN...
!...?
OH, IT'S YOU
WHAT IS IT?
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF CLUB ACTIVITIES
AND DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RUMOR THAT'S GOING AROUND?
AHH—
YOU'RE NOT EVEN A CLUB MEMBER
I KNOW ABOUT IT AND IT'S TRUE
BUT YOU COME HERE EVERYDAY

I COME HERE EVERYDAY BECAUSE I'M GOING OUT WITH AZUMA
SO PLEASE STOP BOTHERING ME
WHA—
IF YOU KNEW THAT...
then stop bothering me!!
PEEK
YOU'RE LYING!
YOU'RE NOT THAT TYPE OF GUY!
WHISPER
JUST
PLAY ALONG
I'VE BEEN WATCHING THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER, AND YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE DATING...

~~I WANT SOME EVIDENCE!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT WE'RE DATING.
WWWUGH!!
JUST GIVE ME SOME EVIDENCE THAT WILL CONVINCE ME!!
RIGHT NOW!
HAH?
WHAT EVIDENCE? ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
WHO CARES ABOUT YOU!!!
Annoyed
OTHERWISE, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GIVE UP...

Grab
AZUMA, KICK THIS GUY OUT OF HERE
AH, I'VE HAD ENOUGH
AOI
HMM?

AH
NOW,
.....

UGH...
SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU!!
SLAM
!!
ARE YOU SATISFIED?
He left
...
WAS THAT OKAY, AOI?
AOI?
...

For the 4 years since I've been in this school,
.....
SORRY,
I've fiercely guarded my male virtue. And it was all taken away in a flash.
It feels like—
IT SEEMS LIKE THAT WASN'T OKAY.
I've been stabbed in the back.
To Be Continued

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Chapter 3

Preparation Room
Ding
Dong
Ding
Dong
Dong
Alone
EH?
1-4

AOI,
YOU'RE EATING HERE AGAIN?
WHAT, IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?
NO, BUT YOU'VE BEEN EATING HERE LATELY NOT GOING TO THE BIOLOGY LAB ANYMORE?
YEAH! EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE GOING THERE EVERYDAY BEFORE
WITH AZUMA—
ANGER
BANG!!

DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT GUY IN FRONT OF ME
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YOU GUYS WERE SO CLOSE
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
THAT GUY, HE—
LET'S TALK SOMEWHERE ELSE
Okay.
Stand
Hey!
That's mean!

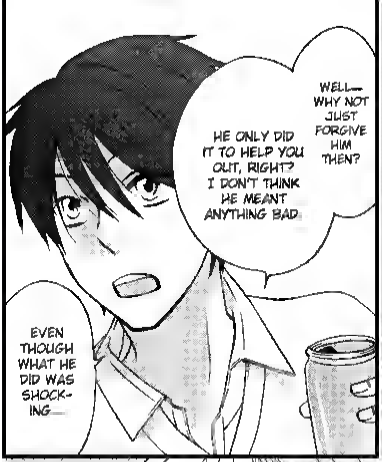
CRASH
Student Council Office
AZUMA KISSED YOU!!!!?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
Hey!
YOU'RE TOO LOUD!!
INNOCENT OFFENDERS ARE THE HARDEST TO DEFEND AGAINST...
THE PRESIDENT WHO'S TREATED LIKE AIR
What a "special treatment"
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO!
HE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS I COULDN'T SENSE ANY BAD INTENTIONS!
LA-LA-LA I CAN'T HEAR
EHH? BUT
YOU'RE THE AOI WHO FOR 4 YEARS WRAPPED AN IRON DEFENSE AROUND YOURSELF SO TIGHT THAT PEOPLE CALLED YOU THE "BLUE BERLIN WALL"!!
★ Aoi = Blue

PLEASE DON'T BECOME A CRIMINAL BECAUSE OF ME
You mad dog.
EVEN I WOULD HAVE TROUBLE BEATING UP SOMEONE THAT BIG
He looks strong too.
That's good
HMM?
EH? AH—
SO AZUMA WASN'T AFTER YOU?
It happened like this...
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN STABBED IN THE BACK...
And that's why.
Depressed
!
CRUSH
BUT WHEN I SAW AZUMA YESTERDAY, I DIDN'T SEE ANY INJURIES ON HIS FACE
DID YOU INJURE HIS BODY INSTEAD?
DRIP
DON'T TELL ME..
.....
SILENCE

AHH~~~
EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T INTEND ANYTHING BAD, YOU DIDN'T PUNISH HIM FOR IT AT ALL?!
ARE YOU REALLY THE AOI WHO SCREAMED AT A GUY UNTIL HE CRIED WHEN HE BRUSHED YOUR ASS AS HE WALKED BY?!
THAT'S BE- CAUSE, MY MIND WENT COM- PLETELY BLANK
AOI?
SHE—HE DID
.....
REACH
AOI—

slap!
—DON'T TOUCH ME!!!
...uh.
—ooh.

Turn
Open
Dash
Dash
Dash...
...
—Because when I slapped his hand away...
That poker face broke in surprise,
and he looked hurt.
SAY, AOI—
SO I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING AND RAN AWAY LIKE A MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN SAY THAT--


WELL— WHY NOT JUST FORGIVE HIM THEN?
HE ONLY DID IT TO HELP YOU OUT, RIGHT? I DON'T THINK HE MEANT ANYTHING BAD.
EVEN THOUGH WHAT HE DID WAS SHOCK-ING—

WAS THAT YOUR FIRST KISS?
HMM?
NO.
First kiss was in middle school with a girl in the same class. When we broke up she told me to "go die, u u idiot."

THE PREVIOUS AOI WOULD'VE BROKE ALL HIS TEETH AND TOLD HIM TO NEVER DO THAT AGAIN.
THIS IS NOT LIKE YOU.
And you wouldn't have cared if you guys made up or broke up.
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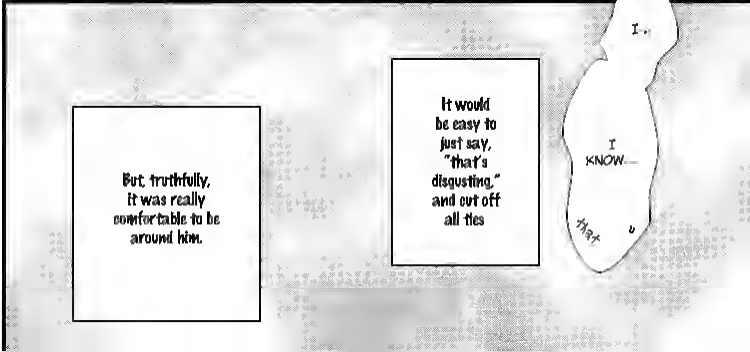
I...
I KNOW—
that
It would be easy to just say, "that's disgusting," and cut off all ties
But, truthfully, it was really comfortable to be around him.

But.
Different meaning?
AH, AOI, YOU'RE JUST IN TIME.
AZUMA'S LOOKING FOR YOU.
AO—
AH!

DASH!!
Turn
HN
I'M GOING TO GET IT.
I LEFT SOMETHING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S OFFICE,
SO,
DASH DASH DASH DASH
.....
AZUMA,
YOU'RE AMAZINGLY BRAVE
Daring to go against Aoi.
How rare.
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I SEE AOI RUNNING AWAY LIKE THAT....

BECAUSE HE USED TO COME TO ME ALL THE TIME...
SO I JUST...
AH, THAT'S THE BELL
IS AOI SKIPPING 5TH PERIOD?
Ding
Dong
HM?
HMM?
HMMM?.....
Ding

Hey, It's Aoi
Jecka!
Dong
HEY, YOU'RE SKIPPING TOO?
LET'S
UH
I didn't do anything
That's right.
I haven't changed into a calmer person.
Damn homos
Ch'
Well, we're heading the first-
HE'S STILL SCARY AS ALWAYS...

So then why...
.....
Why!!
Why am I afraid of him!!!
I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN PSYCHOLOGICALLY DAMAGED BY JUST ONE KISS!!
I'VE BEEN FIGHTING SO HARD FOR 4 YEARS!
I'M THE AOI-SAMA WHO TAMED OFF COUNTLESS PERVERTS!!

No, no
He only did that to help me.
It was different from the others
THAT'S RIGHT THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO BE SCARED
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF JUST ACT LIKE BEFORE
Just like before—

!
Scratch
AOI!~
PLEASE LET ME OFF THE HOOK~~!!
ABOUT WHAT?
STOP MAKING ME LIE TO AZUMA SAYING THAT YOU'RE NOT HERE~~!!
HE'S SO SCARY!~
WHEN HE STARES AT ME WITH THOSE QUIET EYES AND SAYS "I SEE," I GET AN UNBELIEVABLY HEAVY FEELING!
SHUT UP! JUST HELP ME OUT ON THIS SMALL FAVOR!
BUT WHY ARE YOU HIDING ANYWAY?~~

It's not that I don't want to see him.
It's just...
Flustered
I'M NOT
HIDING...
I can't help it..
Hmm
WELL, IT'S FINE. I DON'T THINK HE'LL COME FOR A WHILE.
Eh?
WHY?
AH— UH— NOTHING, REALLY

I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T TELL HIM THAT AZUMA SAID THAT
He's completely being treated like a cat
AH— WELL, AZUMA SEEMS LIKE THE KIND OF GUY WHO WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE
"I probably over did it and spooked him."
"I'll just wait a while."
SO MAYBE HE JUST GAVE UP ON YOU
HMM
OOOH?
That's great, it's true
AOI?
AHH—
HMM?
OH?

THE KITTENS WERE BORN.
3 OF THEM.
HMM?
AND,
HE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU...
THIS IS—
KITTENS?!
THREE ?!
EHHHH?
YUP! HE SAID THE MOTHER CAT IS LETTING OTHERS SEE THE KITTENS NOW.
Hehehe
THERER'S A BLACK, A WHITE, AND A SPOTTED ONE! THEY'RE SO SOFT AND CUTE— ♡
AHHH... I WANT TO SEE!!
BUT, BUT...
SO SMALL—

TOMINAGA, YOU'VE SEEN THEM?
HM? YEAH, YESTERDAY, WITH THE PRESIDENT
HMM
!
OOPS
SAY, AOI—
I'M JUST GUESSING HERE, BUT—
I ALMOST SMILED
HAVE YOU

AZUMA?
FALLEN FOR
Don't treat me like a homo
TH—AT'S TR—UE—
Haha
DON'T PULL ME DOWN WITH YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE INFECTED BY THE GAY FEVER IN THIS SCHOOL
YOU—
I

WELL, BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE SCARED OF AZUMA—
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU LIKE THIS
Angry
I'M NOT SCARED OF HIM!
Uh-huh
TRUTHFULLY, BEFORE I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE PRESIDENT, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT FEAR WAS.
BUT ONCE WE STARTED DATING, I FELT SCARED
SCARED OF HIM
BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW HOW HIS EVERY ACT WILL AFFECT ME.
MY HEART WAS BEATING IN FEAR EVERYDAY

BUT EVEN THOUGH I WAS SCARED, I COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
ISN'T THAT WHAT AOI'S FEELING RIGHT NOW?
LIKE I SAID!
I'M NOT SCARED OF HIM!!!
HOHOHO
AH— SORRY, SORRY
THAT'S RIGHT— THERE'S NO WAY AOI WILL BECOME THAT WAY—
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I HATE HOMOSEXUALS!
I CAN'T STAND YOU!!

Aoi is away
AOI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THE CRAPPER!
WELL THEN.
HOW WILL THINGS DEVELOP FROM HERE ON..?
Step
Step
Step
Step
Seriously, what is that idiot Tominaga thinking!!
MAKES PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE!!

Preparation Room
Saying that I!!
Fell For Azuma!!?
AND THAT CRAZY EXPLANATION!!
...OH WELL,
...
BUT THE CATS ARE INNOCENT...
Hmm
SO
SHH?
And the kittens won't stay as kittens forever...
OH
Stride
Stride
Stride
Stride...

He's here, as expected!
!
AOI
OH
DAMMIT,
WHY AM I SCARED?
Close
THE KITTENS! I HEARD THEY WERE BORN?
AHH— YOU'RE HERE TO SEE THEM?
THEY WENT OUT FOR A WALK
Since it's a nice day

SORRY...
AH— IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...
EH?
SO THEY'RE NOT HERE—

Well—
what should I say first...
Silence...
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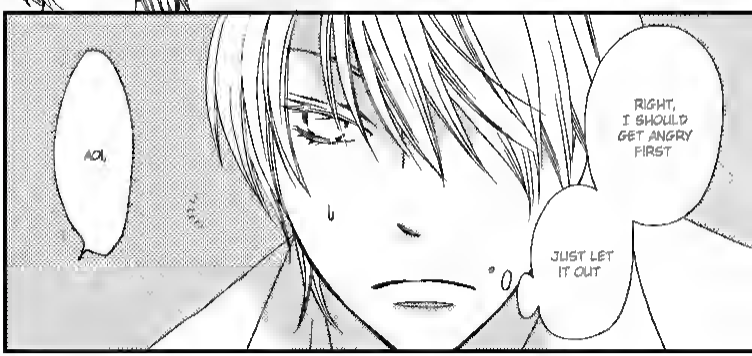
AOI.
RIGHT, I SHOULD GET ANGRY FIRST
JUST LET IT OUT

THEY'LL BE HAPPY THAT YOU CAME TO SEE THEM—
AZUMA,
YOU...
LET TOMINAGA SEE THE KITTENS YESTERDAY, RIGHT?

DON'T LET OTHER PEOPLE SEE THEM BEFORE ME...
AHH...
SORRY ABOUT THAT
.....
.....
.....Eh?

Wait a minute—
That wasn't—
Don't just turn away, Izumi!
TURN
MEOW
OH...
The thing I wanted to be angry about wasn't the kittens...
Slide
Slide
Slide
Slide...
MEOW
THEY'RE BACK.
MEW
AOI
MEW
It should've been about that inexplicable thing he did even though he was only trying to help me.
!
—HHH
SQUEEZE
THE KITTENS ARE BACK

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Chapter 4

GLOO~MY
WU-WAH...
Shut up! Leave me alone.
THAT AOI CAN BECOME LIKE THIS
IT'S AMAZING

IT'S HARD TO BE BEAUTIFUL
Though once you also get too dark from tanning in the sun
I'M LIKE THIS BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN 7 HOURS.
Too MUCH SACRIFICE!!
Ah, I know
YOUR SKIN IS SO WHITE THAT YOU LOOK SICK—
THE INSTIGATOR
AHH— SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED YESTERDAY...
UM...
Lifeless
WHAT THING?
WHISPER
SO, HOW DID THAT THING WITH AZUMA GO?

Eh?
I MEAN,
DID YOU GUYS MAKE UP?
Oh, no no no
THERE'S NOTHING TO MAKE UP!
WE WERE NEVER IN A FIGHT!!
Why are you so polite all of a sudden?
I'M NOT SCARED OF AZUMA AT ALL!! BECAUSE...
THERE'S NO WAY
THAT I CAN LIKE HIM!!!
FORCE~~FUL
HE HASN'T ACCEPTED REALITY YET
I SEE...
Ah, his eyes are strained...

Ahh— He looks even more stiff now.
WELL IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S FEELING
I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM!!
OH...
YOU KNOW YOU CAN COME TO ME IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM
Right?
EVERYTHING WAS SO SIMPLE UP UNTIL YESTERDAY
Since
the castle that he's been building for 4 years has suddenly been invaded...
It's not like I'm gay
I've chased away all those guys who came after me.
BUT,

IF
JUST IF
ONE IN A MILLION CHANCE
NO, ONE IN A BILLION CHANCE!!
THAT I'VE FALLEN FOR AZUMA—
NO!! NO!!!
I must believe in this body that has rejected every single man that came after me for 16 years!!
I'm not like them!!!
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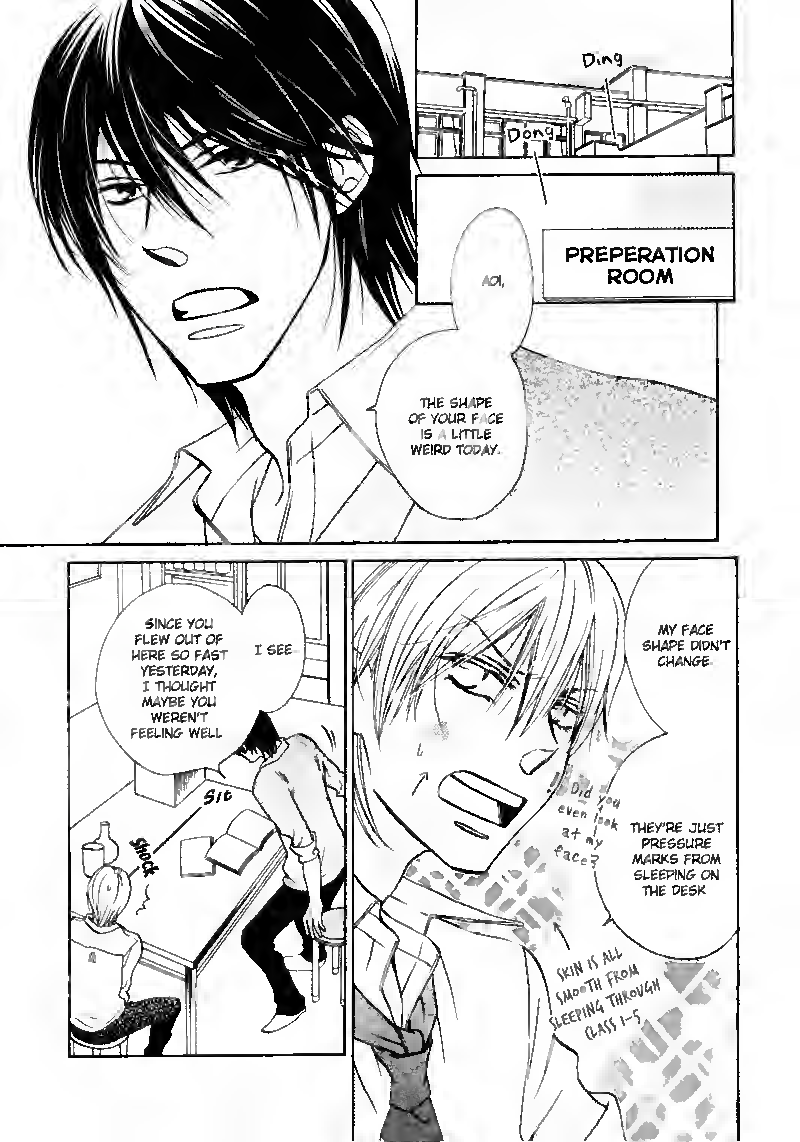
SENSEI~~ AOI'S DIED FROM LACK OF SLEEP~~
SIGH
Then just leave him like that.


Ding
Dong
PREPERATION ROOM
AOI,
THE SHAPE OF YOUR FACE IS A LITTLE WEIRD TODAY.
SINCE YOU FLEW OUT OF HERE SO FAST YESTERDAY, I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU WEREN'T FEELING WELL
I SEE
SIT
SHOT
MY FACE SHAPE DIDN'T CHANGE
Did you even look at my face?
THEY'RE JUST PRESSURE MARKS FROM SLEEPING ON THE DESK
SKIN IS ALL SMOOTH FROM SLEEPING THROUGH CLASS 1-5

THAT'S BECAUSE I HAD A STOMACH-ACHE
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M NOT LIKE THEM
NOTHING'S WRONG, SO I'M HERE JUST LIKE ALWAYS
IS IT BECAUSE YOU ATE SO MANY POPSICLES?
Ah—
EATING TOO MUCH OF THEM WILL MAKE YOU SICK
FLIP
ARE YOU MY CARETAKER?!
I CAN'T JUST NOT FINISH THEM AND LEAVE THEM HERE—
Uh
AZUMA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE ANYWAY?
Not doing experiments today?
STUDYING FOR THE MID-TERMS
HONEST
STUDY-ING?!
THE MIDTERMS ARE IN 2 WEEKS

AO! DOESN'T SEEM TO GET GOOD GRADES...
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY, YOU BASTARD.
He doesn't look it, but that guy still tested into this school, so he must be good at studying.
I THINK TOMINAGA MENTIONED THAT HE WAS GOING TO STUDY WITH THE PRESIDENT...
Ahhh~
Dammit ~~~~
AZUMA, YOU'RE GOOD AT STUDYING, RIGHT?
I think Nakazato mentioned it.
OH YEAH,
HOW NICE
THAT'S BECAUSE MY HOMEROOM TEACHER, NISHIYAMA, IS ALSO THE BIOLOGY CLUB'S ADVISOR.
SO AS LONG AS I KEEP MY GRADES UP, HE LETS ME HAVE FREE REIGN OF THE CLUB
You have good handwriting, too.
YOU SEEM TO PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO IT.

I'm Pan of Cao Cao! He's so cool!
If it's the Sangoku Era,
Then "I" Nob in, ya!
LIKE ROMANCE OF THE 3 KINGDOMS! IT'S SO EXCITING!
GYM AND HISTORY!
WHAT'S YOUR BEST SUBJECT, AOI?
AH
IF HE WAS LIKE THE OTHERS WHO SAID "WITH THAT FACE?", OR "HOW SURPRISING."
THEN MY MIND WOULD BE CLEARED
BA-THUMP
OH
But, I knew it...
IT CERTAINLY IS EXCITING

It's really comfortable around him.
SHOCK
NO, NO! THAT'S NOT IT!!
That's right! I'm only confused because I feel comfortable here!
There's no way that I
AHH—
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
Huh?
DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
Hm♪
Hm?

His mood changes like the weather. And he's humming out-of-tune.
WHAT'S GOING ON? HE'S LIKE A COMLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON FROM YESTERDAY
AOI—
.....
♪ Hm Hm
Hm
Hm ♪

AH, SO SORRY... I ALREADY MADE PLANS
INTERRUPT
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN STUDY WITH US
WHAT ARE YOU DOING LATER?

Yup.
WE'RE GOING TO STUDY TOGETHER.
It can't be helped
PLANS? WITH AZUMA?
Why are you all polite again?

SO, THAT'S HOW IT IS
I'M OFF TO THE BIOLOGY LAB.
There's nothing I can do!
It can't be helped!
Since he's good at studying, and there are cute girls...
AH...
Hah...
HE'S FOUND AN EXCUSE TO SATISFY HIMSELF...
OPEN
WELL, I'M OFF.
OH...
I SHOULDN'T JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE LIKE THIS..
I'm partly to blame for this too.
IF ONLY THERE'S SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM ADMIT THE TRUTH
AOI!!

He'll bite your head off!
Hey, stop that!!
IF— IF YOU DON'T MIND, THAT IS...
UM, SAY...
WANT TO HANG OUT WITH US AFTER SCHOOL?
I'm busy.
HAH?
And who are you?
Bad at remembering faces

HOW DARE HE ASK THAT WITH SUCH A PROUD FACE...
.....
!
HANG OUT?
Hah?
"Don't let other people see them before me."

UM.
SHOCK
HUH?
I ALREADY MADE PLANS WITH SOMEONE
Blush
It can't be helped.
Stunned
SORRY
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH...
EH?
WAS THAT... REALLY AOI?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I SEE HIM REFUSE SO PROPERLY.
HE NORMALLY WOULD'VE GAVE US THE FINGER.
Though he didn't even know us
SLAM
What's going on?!
HELLO!
OPEN

YOU'RE ENER-GETIC
But you'll break the door, so don't do that
WELL, THIS IS ALL FOR STUDYING!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

Ba-THUMP

AHH—
I'VE BEEN WAITING

WELL, LET'S BEGIN
EH?
ALREADY?
Let me rest for a bit
No, I didn't
Eh? You called me?
WHA—
NO, NO.

IF YOU GET A GOOD GRADE,
I'LL BAKE SOME BREAD FOR YOU FROM THE YEAST I GREW A FEW DAYS AGO
And you can help me cut the hair For the long haired cat since the weather is hot
AZUMA, ><
DON'T THINK I'LL BE LURED BY THE FOOD
YOU WON'T?
Of course not!
FLUTTER FLUTTER
BREEZE
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
MASSAGE
SCRIBBLE

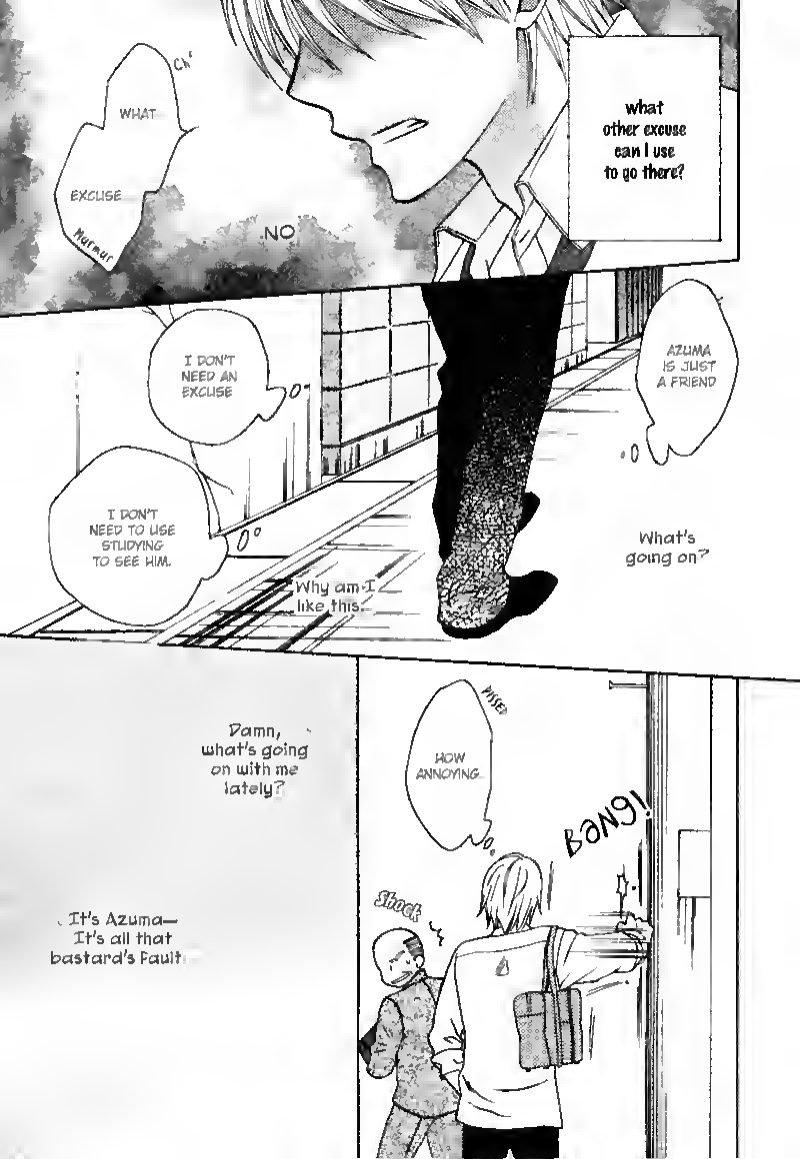
BREEZE
!
Heh.
BREEZE
BREEZE
o.
o.

I have a question to ask you.
Long time no see. I'm Kakimoto
Tomi-naga-kun
Hehe
STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE
THIS IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S OFFICE. I WON'T ACCEPT THAT KIND OF EXCUSE!
Ah, I'm getting brave too!
Kind of
Uh-huh
AH, SORRY, WE'RE ON A DATE RIGHT NOW
Ask me later.
A Japanese who can say no
WEREN'T HIS DEFENSES SUPER HIGH JUST A WHILE AGO?
Hmm... though it sounds weird to say that
THAT'S RIGHT
"Lately, Aoi's defenses have weakened."
THAT KIND OF RUMOR.
RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING ABOUT AOI AGAIN.
What's going on?
HUH? NOT THE ONE ABOUT HIM AND AZUMA?

WITH THIS "AOI IS WEAKER" RUMOR THAT'S FLOATING AROUND,
WILL HE BE OKAY?
BUT I HEAR THAT HIS REFUSALS LATELY HAVE ALL BEEN REALLY PROPER.
HE DOESN'T RAISE HIS HAND, AND AS FOR THE YELLING, WELL, THEY'VE DECREASED.
Though they think stoic duly
AH— HE DIDN'T REALLY BECOME WEAKER, SO IT SHOULD BE FINE
I'M SOMEWHAT INVOLVED, SO I'M ALSO WORRIED.
Even though it's a simple problem
THOUGH I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T ASK HIM ABOUT THE DETAILS.
BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO WILL CHASE AFTER A WEAKENED ENEMY.
What, is this Sakuma-chan's personal experience?
HMM, THAT'S TRUE.
SO IT'S BETTER TO BE CAREFUL.
AND THE MIDTERMS ARE GETTING CLOSE

I HOPE NOTHING HAPPENS.
EH?
TODAY'S THE LAST DAY?
CLUB ACTIVITIES HAVE TO STOP DURING MIDTERMS
AH
I see
BECAUSE WE CAN'T USE THIS ROOM STARTING TOMORROW

WE'VE REVIEWED PRETTY MUCH EVERY-THING.
SO YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MANY PROBLEMS
OH.
OH...
WELL THEN,
...
I'LL SEE YOU AFTER THE MIDTERMS.
Step
Step
Step
Step
THERE'S STILL A WEEK
BEFORE THE MIDTERMS BEGIN.
Hn.
And after that's over—
Step
Step
Step
Step


what other excuse can I use to go there?
NO
Murmur
EXCUSE
WHAT
I DON'T NEED AN EXCUSE
I DON'T NEED TO USE STUDYING TO SEE HIM.
Why am I like this.
AZUMA IS JUST A FRIEND
What's going on?
Damn, what's going on with me lately?
It's Azuma— It's all that bastard's fault!
HOW ANNOYING.
Shock
BANG!

LIBRARY
Why am I being tortured by him!!
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
.....
WELL, NO ONE'S HAPPY RIGHT BEFORE EXAMS
THAT'S TRUE....
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
UM....
NOW HE'S ALL DEPRESSED AGAIN?

HMM.
Somber
HIS FACE HAS BECOME SUPER EXPRESSIONLESS
AZUMA, PLEASE TIGHTEN THE LEASH!
What happened?
I'M GOING TO THE BATHROOM—
STAND
STAND
I GOT THE WRONG DICTIONARY
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
HEY,
LOOK
Oh
IS THAT THE FAMOUS AOI ALL BY HIMSELF?

AOI-KUN!!
HE SURE LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM USUAL
MAYBE HE REALLY DID BECOME WEAKER
LET'S GO FOR IT?
It's a good chance!
LET'S!
GLANCE
WHAT'S WRONG, YOU'RE ALL ALONE?
Pat
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING REALLY DOWN LATELY.
DID YOU GET DUMPED?

IF YOU'RE LONELY, WE CAN—
STAB
CRASH
Bang
CRASH
WHAT'S GOING ON?
TO-TO-TO-TO-
TOMI-NAGA—!!

HURRY,
COME STOP HIM!!
AOI HAS GONE MAD!
I can't stop him!!
HAH?
Right here in the library?!
AOI...
Wah!
USING THE DICTIONARY IS TOO MUCH!!!
DON'T DO IT! IF YOU WANT TO KILL HIM, DO IT WHERE THERE ARE NO WITNESSES!
TOMINAGA, THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE!
Pull Pull Pull Pull...
Hey!
LISTEN TO ME! THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE!
TAKE THAT DICTIONARY AWAY FROM HIM!

YOU TRASH! HOW DARE YOU TOUCH ME WITH THOSE DIRTY HANDS!
LET ME SEND YOU OFF TO THE UNDER-GROUND...
Gah
HE'S LOST HIS SENSES!
Haha
HE CAN'T BE STOPPED... THE STUDENT COUNCIL!
SHOULD I CALL THE PRESIDENT?
Is this the early infractions already
NO, WAIT THAT'LL MAKE THIS WROSE
SHOULD I KNOCK HIM OUT?
AZUMA!
Oh right
I'M RIGHT HERE
HURRY, CALL AZUMA FROM CLASS S—

SI~~LENCE...
You're here...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AOI?

LOWER
That's the first thing you say after seeing that?
UH WHAT CAN I SAY..
LOWER
LOWER
LOWER...
NO—
?

NOTHING
AT ALL...
Since that day—
Everyone began secretly calling Azuma "The Beast Tamer"—
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Chapter 5

After the midterms, rumors spread like fire.
"Aoi seems to have really fallen for Azuma—"
STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE
YOU FINALLY REALIZED THAT YOU LIKE AZUMA?
YOU'RE TOO SLOW!!!
TACHIBANA IS TREATED LIKE AIR AGAIN
Ding
Dong
.....
YEAH

IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE THAT INCIDENT IN THE LIBRARY AIRED OUT ALL OF YOUR GUILT.
I FEEL LIKE I CAN FINALLY RELAX~
DON'T RELAX YET! THE NEXT STEP IS THE REAL PROBLEM!!
MY SITUATION IS COMPLETELY LIKE THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK.
AND~ AND IT'S EVEN A ONE-SIDED LOVE...
I'M ACTUALLY IN A ONE-SIDED LOVE WITH A MAN...
This is unbelievable
ALRIGHT, STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT PART.
Just be prepared...
ALL THESE WORRIES WILL MELT AWAY ONCE YOU TWO ARE TOGETHER!

BUT, SERIOUSLY,
Since it's come to this,
THE ONLY THING TO DO NOW IS TO CONFESS, RIGHT?
And it feels great to inspire some good gossip ☆
THUMB UP!!
TOMINAGA YOU'RE AMAZING...
.....
NO WAY.
I'M SCARED.
Turn away
...Eh?
I DON'T WANT TO BE RE-JECTED.
I FEEL BAD JUST THINKING ABOUT IT...
Ah—

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE PEOPLE GET THE COURAGE TO CONFESS
THEY MUST BE CRAZY
.....
My wall of pride that's higher than the sky...
AND WHAT IF HE DECIDES TO GO OUT WITH ME OUT OF SYMPATHY? I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE THAT EITHER...
He's always been treated like an idol, so he has no experience in love
No way, president
Aoi is too cute!!
Calm down
NOT LISTENING

60
74
YOU GOT AVERAGE GRADES IN YOUR WORST SUBJECTS — MATH AND PHYSICS
ENGLISH AND MODERN JAPANESE ARE AVERAGE ALSO
YOU DID PRETTY WELL
Is currently shaken by this blockhead
BLOCKHEAD
LUNCH TIME.
AZUMA, HOW DID YOU DO?
Lemme see
YOU WERE FAILING BEFORE?
Does that mean
THANKS TO YOU, I PASSED ALL MY SUBJECTS!!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

YOU_BIG_PERVERT_
IT'S JUST BIOLOGY BUT WITH HUMANS.
YOU EVEN GOT A GOOD GRADE IN HEALTH CLASS. ISN'T THAT A LITTLE STRANGE?
98
89
92
HIGH MARKS
Are you in elementary school?
NOT ADMITTING DEFEAT
THE WEATHER IS REALLY NICE TODAY.
YOU CAN TAKE A NAP OUTSIDE AFTER LUNCH
OKAY.
THEN... YOU'RE GONNA LEND ME YOUR LAP AGAIN?
.....
I can't take this anymore—

Can you really hold back when you think of these things?
To have him treat you as important as he treats himself.
And to have him beside you, gently touching you.
THE PERSON WITH THE COURAGE TO CONFESS.
Don't you want to see if they can happen with you?
NO...
I DON'T WANT TO USE YOUR LAP...
YOU KNEES ARE TOO BONY.
THEN...

BLUNT
LET ME USE YOUR LAP INSTEAD.
BITCH
YOU!
You You You You
DO YOU KNOW HOW VALUABLE MY LAP IS IN THIS SCHOOL?!!
HUH?!!
I CAN'T?
HOW STINGY.
I'm not stingy!!!

I WAS SUPPOSED TO LAUGH IT OFF, BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT!!
Dammit—!!
It's all because he said that!!
I felt natural and comfortable around him
And it felt nice when he touched me
AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S FEELING LIKE THIS! HE DOESN'T EVEN CARE!!
CALM DOWN
CALM DOWN
These stupid memories got stuck in my head!!

His calm demeanor used to make me feel safe.
AOI
STARTLE
DOES YOUR BENTO HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR YOU?
HUH?
SMALL PORTIONS
AH—
I NORMALLY HAVE TO EAT MORE BREAD AFTER 5TH PERIOD.
MY MOM PROBABLY THINKS THAT I HAVE THE SAME APPETITE AS MY SISTER.
This small portion is not enough for me.
. THAT MUST BE HARD ON YOU.
But now,
It's like announcing just how hopeless my situation is.
TELLING ME TO CONFESS
SO.

THERE'S NO WAY
I CAN DO THAT...
.....
HEY LOOK...
IT'S AOI
EH, REALLY? WHERE?
AH, THERE HE IS
READY

AOI
WHAT?
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL AS ALWAYS TODAY.
WANT TO WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER AFTER SCHOOL?
Pissed off
I'LL BREAK YOUR NECKS IF YOU COME NEAR ME!
WU-WAH—HE'S STILL SCARY LIKE ALWAYS
SHUT UP! GET LOST!
AOI—
THEY'RE SO ANNOYING.

I HEARD ABOUT YOU AND AZUMA!
Is he treating you well?
I HEAR YOU'RE BECOMING DOCILE?!
Shy
!!!?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING, YOU IDIOTS!
AOI, YOU'RE NOT CONVINCING AT ALL WITH THAT RED FACE.
PAT
I'LL BEAT YOU GUYS UP!
AOI HAS FINALLY COME OVER TO OUR SIDE~~
AZUMA'S A PRETTY AMAZING GUY~
NO WAY...
WAH!!

SLAM
SHUT UP!!!
—AND SO,
STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE
HOW'S HE DOING WITH AZUMA?
AT THIS POINT, AOI'S POPULARITY IS SHOOTING UP LIKE CRAZY.
THAT SURE IS PROBLEM-ATIC—
Anyway that's how it's supposed to be—
USUALLY, A PERSON'S POPULARITY DECREASES WHEN HE GETS A LOVE INTEREST.
WELL, ABOUT THAT— AT THIS POINT I REALLY DON'T KNOW..

THESE DAYS, AOI BLUSHES LIKE CRAZY WHENEVER ANYONE MENTIONS AZUMA
PEOPLE THINK IT'S CUTE AND THE RUMOR SPREADS
AND HIS RATINGS HAVE CLIMBED TO NEW HEIGHTS
Even higher than before
Ah—
I SEE
IT'S TRUE THAT RIGHT NOW, AOI IS TOO CUTE FOR WORDS
Uh-huh
...TOMI-NAGA?
I believe in you
AH, DON'T WORRY
HMM
BUT SERIOUSLY, AZUMA IS HARD TO FIGURE OUT

I KNOW THAT HE LIKES AOI,
BUT WHETHER THAT'S LOVE OR NOT IS HARD TO SAY
BECAUSE HE LOOKS SO CALM NO MATTER HOW AOI ACTS BEFORE HIM, WHETHER IT'S THE AOI WITH HIS DEFENSES DOWN OR THE AOI WHOSE BODY LANGUAGE JUST SCREAMS "I LOVE YOU."
IS HE REALLY NOT INTERESTED?
EVEN THOUGH I'M ALSO A GUY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM.
I- you say so...
Sakuma-chan's boyfriend sure is eager.
DEEP IN THOUGHT
HURRY UP AND GET THOSE TWO TOGETHER... OR TROUBLES WILL INCREASE
I'm attracted them
THAT'S TRUE~
IF THOSE TWO CONTINUE ON LIKE THIS WITH NOTHING HAPPENING, THEN I WILL INTERFERE~
Ding
Dong
AH,
Class is starting.

SEE YOU LATER.
Slide
Slide
Slide
Slide
AH,
AZUMA!
TOMI-NAGA.
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE HERE,
I HAVE SOME-THING TO—
TOP 100 BENTO
HMM?
WHAT IS THAT BOOK?
YOU'RE READING IT?
Top 100 bento?
AHH—
TOP 100 BENTO

AOI SAID THAT
HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT FOR LUNCH,
SO...
AH...
I SEE...
SO...
YOU WANTED TO ASK ME SOME-THING?
.....
AH— NOTHING
Hmm
IT SEEMS TO HAVE RESOLVED ITSELF...
SEE YOU LATER.
!!!

HMM... THAT AZUMA...
THEY'RE GETTING ALONG BETTER THAN I THOUGHT.
PREPARATION ROOM
SAY, AZUMA,
FANCY
YOUR BENTO LOOKS
REALLY FANCY.

Don't tell me...
that his girlfriend made it for him...
I WOKE UP EARLY IN THE MORNING AND MADE IT.
Shock
REALLY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "REALLY"? IT LOOKS LIKE IT CAME RIGHT OUT OF A PICTURE.
Phew
HMM?
WHY AM I RELIEVED, IDIOT
THAT SCARED ME
THAT'S AMAZING
DID YOU GET ANY HELP FROM YOUR MOM?
NO— I DON'T HAVE A MOTHER.

—EH?
NONCHALANT
TAKE-OUT
TAKE-OUT
I LIVE ALONE WITH MY FATHER.
WE EACH MAKE OUR OWN BENTOS.
ALL LINED-UP
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO MENTION IN A CASUAL CONVERSATION.
I MADE PLENTY. HELP YOURSELF.
Set Down
OH— AH...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...
Here's more! And more!

NOD
There's even dessert!
EH,
HELP
MYSELF?
CLAP
Clapped his hands together
THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD!!!
FRIED SHRIMP! IT'S A LITTLE SPICY BUT SO GOOD!
AND THIS SWEET POTATO SALAD IS GOOD TOO!
CHOMP
CHOMP
Yum!
GRILLED PORK SOAKED IN CARROT SAUCE.
IT'S BETTER THAN WHAT I GET AT HOME!
And so thick!

Now that I think about it, I don't know anything about him...

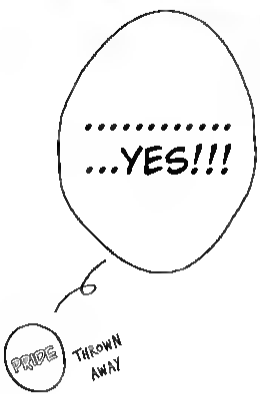
That he's from a single-parent family, that he's a good cook,
and whether or not he has a girlfriend, or what kind of food he likes... I don't know any of that.
Not to mention...
LONG BANGS
I'VE NEVER EVEN TAKEN A GOOD LOOK AT HIS FACE...
AZUMA
COME HERE
SORRY, LET ME TAKE A LOOK
brush
open
?

RICE.
AOI,

EAT
I CAN'T.
HE'S NOT AFFECTED AT ALL...
THIS IS HOPELESS... THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL RESPOND TO MY FEELINGS.
I KNOW THAT, BUT...

Somehow, I still think that I'll end up confessing to him.
I'M A LITTLE MAD THAT HE'S SO GOOD-LOOKING
He's handsome.
And mad at myself for my heart skipping a beat.
..It's probably better if I distance myself a little
I don't want to throw away any more of my pride.
Even if Tominaga scolds me...
I have to force myself to keep som distance...
OH, RIGHT.

?
MEDIUM SPICY BEEF CURRY
Don't interrupt me when I'm thinking!
WHAT?
WHAT KIND OF CURRY DO YOU EAT AT HOME?
In general
THAT'S GOOD
So when I eat out I always get the spiciest one
BUT SINCE THE WOMEN CONTROL THE HOUSEHOLD, I HAVE TO CATER TO THEIR TASTES
THOUGH I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE IT TO BE A LITTLE SPICIER.
I put in 5 peppers.
IT'S CHICKEN SOAKED IN A THICK SPICY SAUCE.
I MADE SOME CURRY TWO DAYS AGO.
WHY?



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Chapter 6

Will the president make curry for me too?...
If so, I want beef...

I was lured by the promise of third day curry and came...
AM I AN IDIOT? I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I SHOULD DISTANCE MYSELF
WELL IT CAN'T BE HELPED IT'S THIRD DAY CURRY, AFTER ALL
STEP
STEP
STEP
THIRD DAY CURRY!
Since I'm here, I might as well just push him down and...
No, no. That'll make me the same as those guys that I despise.

AOI...
I'm a professional wrestling.
Ok, wait a minute. If I use a hip throw to get out from under him, and while he's unstable on his feet I'll knock his shoulders to the ground, then I'll sit on him and force him to submit
NOT TO MENTION, I DON'T THINK I CAN DO IT
Unlock
Unlock
80
95cm
50kg

OOH
LARGE SPACE
NO,
I LIVE WITH MY FATHER.
DO YOU LIVE BY YOURSELF?
It's a nice place
IT'S SPARSELY FURNISHED THOUGH IT DOES HAVE AN EASTERN STYLE
BUT STILL

Ah,
THAT'S RIGHT.
GROOOOOWL
I'LL GO HEAT UP THE CURRY— WAIT HERE.
He he he
Boil
Boil
Boil
Oh—
IT SMELLS SO GOOD!
WHAT DID YOU PUT IN THE CURRY SAUCE?
ABOUT 5 DIFFERENT FLAVOR PACKETS, AN EGGPLANT, AND SOME YOGURT.
AND PEPPERS.
How unique
OH~~

A MAN WHO CAN MAKE CURRY— HOW NICE
Po-
Po-
Po-
YOU MUST BE POPULAR.
DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
EH?
SHOCK
NO
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT BEING POPULAR,
SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THE ELEVATOR SCHOOL SYSTEM SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PHEW
IT'S THE SAME WITH ME.
BECAUSE OF MY LOOKS, GIRLS FROM NEIGHBORING SCHOOLS WOULD SOMETIMES CONFESS TO ME.
BUT IT NEVER LASTED FOR MORE THAN 2 MONTHS.

ANGRY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
I THOUGHT SO
Unbelievable
AND THEY ALWAYS DUMP ME WHILE YELLING, "GO DIE," OR "YOU IDIOT."
Face prettier than a girl
+
Insensitive
NEED TO ADD SOME WATER
AOI IS PROBABLY NOT GOOD WITH GIRLS WHO WANT TO RESTRAIN YOU
...Hn.
.....

DAMMIT
I REALLY WANT TO HUG HIM
FIDGET
HMM—
.....
ITCHY
RESTLESS
FIDGET
SHIFTY
AOI,
IF YOU'RE BORED, PLEASE SET OUT THE PLATES
THEY'RE IN THAT GLASS CABINET
Oh!
LEAVE IT TO ME—
SMASH!!

There's no trace of dirt anywhere
SWIPE
AND THIS ROOM IS WAY TOO CLEAN FOR A GUY'S PLACE
And isn't it a little too early for tatatsuya?
CH'— UNDER-ESTIMATING ME

*Kotatsu = a low table covered with a futon.

I know what it is.
—Ah.
EVEN THOUGH HE LOVES ANIMALS
Because there are no animals here.
Pets?
AOI,
EVEN IF THE APARTMENT DOESN'T ALLOW PETS A HAMSTER OR FISH SHOULD STILL BE OKAY
TAP
THANK YOU FOR WAITING

OOOH!
GO WASH YOUR HANDS
That's okay!
Thank you for the food!
OOOH! IT'S SO GOOD! THE MEAT IS SO SOFT!
The meat was added later.
Ah, it's spicy!
SWEATING LIKE CRAZY
CHOMP CHOMP
SO SPICY....!
SO GOOD...!
Though he looks like this, he has good metabolism
HERE ARE SOME PICKLED VEGETABLES IF YOU WANT...
Push
WHAT KIND OF VEGETABLES DID YOU PUT IN HERE?
It must be really good!
RADISH, BASIL, EGGPLANT, SWORD BEAN, LOTUS ROOT, MELON, AND TURNIPS
IT'S ALSO USED TO PAY RESPECT TO THE SHICHI-FUKUJIN *
*Shichifukujin = The Seven Gods of Luck
AZUMA, YOU'RE REALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE MOST RANDOM THINGS
IS THAT WEIRD?
NO...
AND I'LL PREPARE LASSI* FOR DESSERT!
Woah—!
*Lassi = Punjabi yogurt-based drink

You sure are well-prepared.
It's sweaty, so I'm mixing it with water, but I'm putting in milk instead.
STIR
STIR
That's weird... why do I have a feeling
that something is going to happen...?
OH RIGHT.
NO,
HE'S NOT COMING HOME TODAY.
WHEN IS YOUR FATHER COMING HOME?
PEEL
PEEL

EHH?
Shock
HOW SHOULD I ACT
IN THIS SITUATION?
HE'LL BE COMING HOME...
NEXT MONTH
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
NEXT MONTH?
Today's the 12th.
AHH— MY FATHER OFTEN GOES ON LONG BUSINESS TRIPS OVERSEAS
It's a little sour

HE NEVER STAYS HOME FOR LONG.
...I SEE.
SINCE WHEN HAS YOUR MOM BEEN GONE?
SINCE I WAS IN THE THIRD GRADE.
AHH— SO THAT'S WHY YOU LEARNED HOW TO COOK.
THAT'S ALSO THE TIME WHEN I STARTED TAKING HOME ECONOMICS.
I HAVE TWO OLDER SISTERS, AND THEY NEVER LET ME STEP INTO THE KITCHEN.
BUT THEY LET ME GRILL THE MEAT DURING BARBEQUES.
Ahh— Somehow...

I'm not sure what to say in this situation
THEN YOU'VE BEEN STAYING HOME ALONE SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?
That must've been hard.
NO. I HAD A CAT BEFORE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
PEEL
PEEL
A CAT
I knew it
HE HAD WHITE FUR AND BLUE EYES WITH A VIOLENT TEMPER.
HE WAS A LOT LIKE YOU
Violent...
I HAD HIM WITH ME— BUT HE WAS REALLY OLD
PEEL
IT WAS DIFFICULT TO TAKE CARE OF A PET ALL BY MYSELF.
Hey
SO I NEVER GOT ANOTHER ONE
MAYBE THAT'S ALSO WHY I DECIDED TO JOIN THE BIOLOGY CLUB.

I want to pull those wide shoulders
toward me.
Feed
.....
EVEN THOUGH HIS EXPRESSIONS IS THE SAME AS ALWAYS...
AND I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING...
I'VE NEVER NEEDED A KOTATSU BEFORE, BUT...
But somehow,

THE CAT WAS REALLY WARM.
I can't control myself.
Gets up
Shift closer
AOI?
HUG

I...
HUG
HUG
HUG—
I'M WARMER THAN THE CAT!
AND I'M BIGGER!
AND I'M—
Startle

!!
Push
RETREAT
OH NO! I MADE A MISTAKE!
THIS WENT BEYOND THE "FRIENDSHIP" TERRITORY!
ARE YOU IN HEAT?
MY BODY MOVED ON ITS OWN!
HOW CAN I BLUFF MY WAY OUT OF THIS?
AOI,
Dazed

ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT ME NOW?
BLUSH
WHA—
IN
HEAT?!
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
TOUCH
ACCEPT...
HUH?

OBSERV-ING?!
AFTER OBSERVING YOU EVERYDAY, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL EVEN IF I DON'T LOOK FOR IT.
Hug
.....
.....
.....
.....!!!!
BECAUSE YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING ANIMAL.
WAIT— WAIT A MINUTE
WHY?
BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T COMPLETELY READY.
SO I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO COME TO ME ON YOUR OWN.
YOU WERE CIRCLING AROUND ME TRYING TO GAUGE MY REACTIONS.
OH.

Ouch.
BITE
BITE
.....
It's true that I was in denial for a long time.
If he had approached me before then, I might have cut off all contacts with him altogether.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING?
You...
PUSH
SINCE YOU SLEPT ON MY LAP.
Why did you wait so long?!
Are you an idiot?!
IT'S FINE...
BESIDES,
Rub
Rub

I'M REALLY HAPPY.
Heh
HE SMILED
finally
HMM
.....
Because he's not like the rest of them who pushed their feelings onto me without asking how I feel.
DAMMIT

so I'm really happy
HN
Huh???
PUSH
.....
WAIT, DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO JUST DO IT RIGHT NOW?!
THIS ROOM SMELLS LIKE CURRY!
BUT IF I MISS THIS TIME INTERVAL OF WHEN YOU'RE IN HEAT, I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE NEXT ONE WILL COME
STOP SAYING THAT I'M IN HEAT!

HOW CAN YOU BE TAKING OFF MY CLOTHES SO EASILY?
AFTER SATISFYING YOUR HUNGER, YOU WANT TO SATISFY YOUR SEX DRIVE?!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO'S A BEAST?!!
Heh
!
MAYBE.

Wu-wah...
Ba-thump
.....
This man in front of me,
is the real one who's in heat.
HMM?
.....
AOI... YOU—
Groke
DON'T TOUCH IT, YOU BASTARD
Dammit

SINCE I'M LETTING YOU DO THIS,
AT LEAST TELL ME THAT YOU LIKE ME!!
Grab
OTHERWISE WE'LL REALLY BE LIKE ANIMALS!!
THAT'S TRUE
HE ONLY SMILES CONSTANTLY,
AT A TIME LIKE THIS
SORRY,
I WAS TOO RUSHED
Ah, it's strong

I LIKE YOU.
HOW CUNNING
—OOH
UHNNN
—AHH
HNN

I KNEW IT I'M ON THE BOTTOM
Spread
BASTARD—
—OOH
KISS
THIS IS WHY TWO GUYS TOGETHER IS TROUBLESOME
—UHNN
But...
Oh well.

Since Azuma is so gentle and warm...
I'll just let it be.
It's actually really hot...
Chirp Chirp
DAZED
.....
Chirp Chirp
.....
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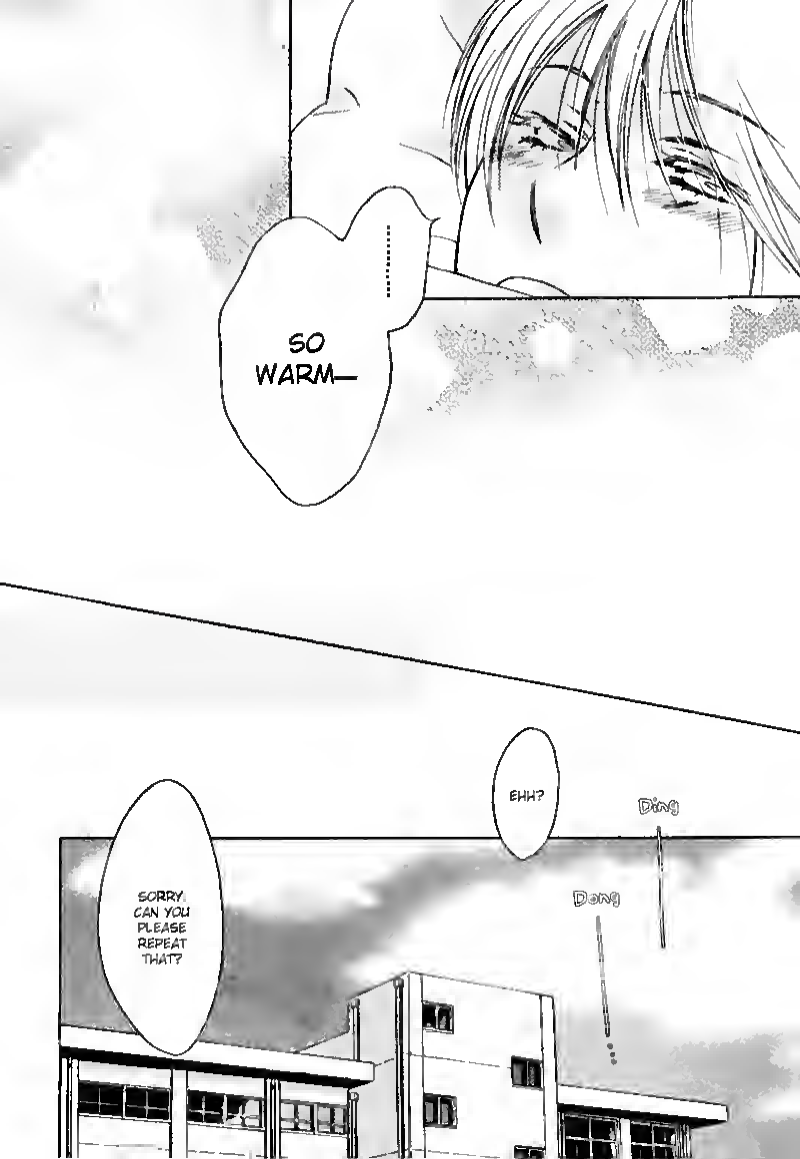
Breath
Glance
.....
Ba-THUMP
COVER
Lift
Creak


SO WARM—
EHH?
SORRY, CAN YOU PLEASE REPEAT THAT?
Ding
Dong

I SEEM TO HAVE HEARD YOU SAY THAT YOU AND AZUMA DID IT?
Did I hear you wrong?
AH— WELL
THAT'S HOW IT IS
YOU GUYS MOVED TOO FAST!!!
CRAZED
Wash
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!!
I feel so pitiful!!
SHOUTING ON THE ROOFTOP.
I COULDN'T HELP IT!! AZUMA WAS JUST TOO CUTE!!
Where did you kick your pride and male virtue?!!!

ANYWAY, I WAS THINKING THAT I DON'T WANT HIM TO BE ALONE FROM NOW ON...
SO I JUST...
BUT IT STILL HURT... SO I THOUGHT I'D ASK YOU ABOUT IT... SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TALK TO ABOUT THIS
It hurt a lot
So you just...
NOW I KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS CUTE
Since he's also a tall guy
Huh?
?
.....
DON'T TELL ME...
YOU AND THE PRESIDENT HAVEN'T...
AOI...
Open

GEEZ, WHO GETS CALLED DURING LUNCH BREAK?
Well then... see you after school, Azuma.
THE MATH TEACHER TAKENAKA IS CALLING YOU.
Eh~~?
OH,
WHAT IS IT?
.....
Silence
.....
YOU—
JUST HOW AWARE ARE YOU OF YOUR ACTIONS?
SOMETIMES I THINK THAT YOU'RE REALLY A FEARSOME ANIMAL TAMER
Heh
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SO SCARY
!!
Azuma was always expressionless in front of me.
I'm heading off too
SO—
.....
so for him to suddenly smile like that...
But there must be a reason that those two got together.
Are you coming with me?
So I guess it's okay to congratulate them— right?
HUH??
I FEEL CHEATED THAT THEY GOT AHEAD OF ME!!
PRESIDENT, YOU IDIOT ARGH!!
PRESIDENT! ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT?!!
END

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STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE
SO,
TODAY'S TOPIC FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S EMERGENCY MEETING IS .
BANG!!
THIS!!
TODAY'S TOPIC:
ABOUT AOI CHANGING CLASSES.
TOPIC STARTER: TOMINAGA

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

HE DID BECOME CALMER,
BUT HE'S ACTUALLY GONE BEYOND JUST CALM...
AH— THAT'S TRUE.
Is it even possible for him to become more violent?
DOES AOI NEED TO CHANGE CLASSES BECAUSE HE'S TOO VIOLENT?
BUT DIDN'T HE BECOME MORE DOCILE NOW THAT HE'S GOING OUT WITH AZUMA, THE BEAST TAMER?

Ah~~ ~~~~ ~~~~
Pfft
SUCH THAT HE'S EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE...

IS IT LIKE WHAT PEOPLE SAY, THAT "A WOMAN BECOMES MORE BEAUTIFUL WHEN SHE'S IN LOVE"?
This is serious!
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT SAYING IS TRUE... BUT THIS IS KIND OF LIKE THAT
AND IT'S CAUSING SOME PROBLEMS.
IT'S STILL FINE WHEN HE'S JUST LAZILY STARING OFF INTO SPACE,
with a shy expression
OTHER PEOPLE JUST TRY NOT TO STARE TOO MUCH
Watching class 5's gym class.
Hm
BUT THEN THERE'S TODAY...
STIR
STIR

AOI'S SLEEPING IN CLASS AGAIN...
DO?
THOUGH THIS TEACHER DOES TEND TO DRONE ON...
AOI!
HNN...
Nudge
Nudge
HEY—
AOI, WAKE UP!
Shiver
NO.
STOP IT... DON'T DO THAT...
Stop what?
NO... IT HURTS... I'M SCARED.
Entering from behind?
He's not tired anymore?
AHH... THAT FEELS GOOD...
A repeat?

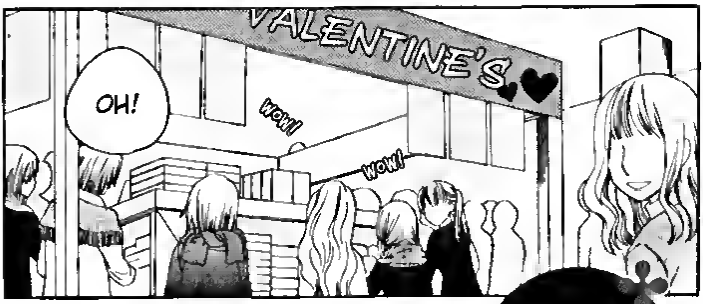
ALL-WAH
THE TEACHER DEFINITELY HEARD IT. BUT HE PRETENDED THAT NOTHING HAPPENED
AFTER THAT, NO ONE DARED TO LOOK AOI IN THE EYE.
BUT AOI GETS PISSED OFF WHEN HE'S TREATED LIKE THAT FOR NO REASON
Those Lunatics!
But I couldn't tell him the reason
WELL, THAT PART OF HIM HASN'T CHANGED
THOUGH AOI'S SKIN IS SMOOTHER THAN BEFORE
IT'S MORE LIKE A BIOLOGICAL THING.
EH?
IS IT THE POWER OF LOVE?

AZUMA BRINGS BENTO FOR HIM EVERYDAY, AND GROOMS HIM AFTERWARDS.
THAT'S KIND OF GOING OVERBOARD
NOT ONLY THAT— WHEN I MENTIONED THE FACT THAT AOI'S CHANGED LATELY TO AZUMA,
HIS FUR IS MORE BRILLIANT NOW.
HE SAID THAT TO ME WITH AN EXTREMELY PROUD EXPRESSION!!

IF GETTING A BOYFRIEND WILL INCREASE ONE'S ATTRACTIVENESS, THEN SHOULDN'T I BE MORE ATTRACTIVE ALSO?
Been dating for a few months
THAT'S TRUE!
BUT SEE — RIGHT?
WHAT?
WHISPER
WHISPER
That's true
YOU GUYS HAVEN'T DONE IT YET, RIGHT?
They got ahead of you
Heehee
You too!
HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
Hehehehe
Isn't that right, onee-san?
I can tell just by looking at them
I get kicked off when I try to top him!!
That can't be helped!
Eh?
Then just top from the bottom!

END

How are you so calm about this?!
Speaking of which, I want to switch to
EEP!
A. Sadistic Top
B. Masochistic top
which do you want?



Scared of White Day

IT'S TIME TO TAPE MY SHOE LOCKER SHUT AGAIN
AH! IT'S HERE!
THOUGH IT USUALLY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US, BUT SINCE OUR SCHOOL'S AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN IT.
.....
YAY!
YAY!
WHAT?!
HEY, SHOULD WE BUY SOME ALSO?
BECAUSE WE HAVE BOYFRIENDS TOO.

THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING IN THERE!
Yay!
Yay!
DON'T WORRY! THEY'RE ALL THERE TO BUY CHOCOLATES FOR SOMEONE ELSE
BESIDES, I'D FEEL BAD IF I DON'T BUY SOMETHING FOR THE PRESIDENT
It'll be a secret.
THAT'S TRUE...
AND WITH OUR FACES, WE WOULDN'T LOOK OUT OF PLACE IN THERE EITHER.
We might even have an advantage!
I'm also only about 170cm.
NO WAY! THAT'S ONLY WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER GUYS!
IF IT BOTHERS YOU SO MUCH, THEN WHY DON'T WE DRESS UP LIKE GIRLS?
Fanservice to the readers.
Oops, their genders completely changed~
HEY!
Don't put us in this weird background!

I ABSO-LUTELY REFUSE!!
STIFF
No Thank you!
FINE, BE STUBBORN.
I'LL JUST GO BY MYSELF
HOW BRAVE...
HUH?!
WHAT. .
EH...
ISN'T THAT AZUMA?

AND YET,
HE DOESN'T LOOK EMBARRASSED AT ALL
Seriously?
Wow
WOAH... HE SURE STANDS OUT
THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S TWO HEADS TALLER THAN EVERYONE ELSE
←185cm
CASHIER
THUD
.....
AOI'S BOYFRIEND IS VERY BRAVE
That's probably all for you
AH!

AOI?
OOH!
THAT GUY...
CLENCH
HE SAID THAT HE HAD TO LEAVE EARLY BECAUSE OF WORK
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA LOSE...
What's going on? Don't tell me...
I'M GOING TO BUY SOME TOO!
DASH
Wait a You're going to one-up him?!

Valentine's day
Ding
Dong
SO,
AOI?
HOW DID IT GO,
...AND A SCARF THAT HE KNITTED HIMSELF...
SO WARM—
HE SURE PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT...
That's amazing...
Wow
And after today we're having chocolate fondue at his place.
Nice and warm
Cake →
Hehehe
President gave Tominaga home-made chocolate bread and chocolate donuts
END

MY AFTER-WORD

I initially only made Aoi as a side character, but since I made him into the beautiful type, I broke my law of "never drawing a main character with thick eyelashes" (since it's hard to differentiate between this and drawing a girl).

I like the type that's pretty but dumb. So Aoi's grades are awful.

To even draw his eyelashes like this... is a first time for me.

Hi everyone, I'm Akiba Touko. Thank you for reading. This is my 4th book at Rutile.

I recently saw the manga movie version of "Hito wa Sore wo Koi to Yobu." Aoi seems to have said that gay people are wrong in the head...

This couple is the most easily understood among all the ones I've drawn. There's no problem with who'll be the seme from the beginning, so I felt happy!

The two people deemed to be the most violent will now spend their days happily, right? Yay~ I wouldn't know about that! (laugh)

As for Tominaga and the President, it seems like they'll have to wait a little longer due to interference from the other student council members.

Eh?!

Editor is an idiotic cat who's always saying "Akiba doesn't have a cat, right?"

I lost weight

When designing a seme, I thought of Azuma as soon as I thought of a mysterious type. But rather than mysterious, it's more like I couldn't handle him at all. After serialization, I thought he's more like a monkey tamer...

But he's still more useful than the president!

The worst personality

Get used to him with time in the end

Distance between our hearts

Though I want to say more about curry, the next few pages is a short one-shot that I drew when I first debuted. Please read it!

I hope you like it!

Just meeting it in...

ABOUT CURRY

The third day curry is my favorite. If there's one thing to talk about after becoming an adult, it's curry. Even my mom has the fever of making curry for no reason. Though sometimes we follow the usual market convention, after we finish making the curry, we would put in vegetables of our choice. After eating, we would keep the rest in the fridge, and keep it for 2-3 days. Then reheat it afterwards. But it's forbidden to eat it willy-nilly. I would get scolded for secretly eating it at night. So in the Akiba household, curry is a holy dish. I love it! But whenever I eat Indian curry, I get a stomachache because I'm allergic to the spices for some reason (inherited from my dad) But I would still eat it.

And I must have peppers and pickled vegetables

I like to put nuts in the curry

Springtime of love
18 : 25
After entering high school for half a year.
I got a lover.
6:25PM.
HUH
ONE MORE MINUTE
30 SECONDS
15
Come on!
Come on!
HIDAKA!
IF HE'S NOT HERE BY 6 30, I'LL JUST GO HOME
HE WOULDN'T MIND, RIGHT?

He's a large creature of 185cm.
HEY... KAJIWARA-SENPAI...
AHH
I'M AN IDIOT! AND I WAS EVEN MORE OF AN IDIOT LAST WEEK—!!!
Step
Step
Wah
WHY AM I SO OBEDIENT..?
Hidaka, I have something to say to you
OKAY..
TALL
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING,
LET'S GO HOME
185cm
161cm

After just entering the kendo club, this scary-looking Kajiwara-something-senpai
called me out, so I was really nervous
EH... WAIT A— HE WANTS TO TALK IN THIS OBSCURE PLACE...?!
DOES HE WANT TO BEAT ME UP?!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHY HE WOULD CALL ME OUT...?!
I'LL JUST AGREE TO WHATEVER HE SAYS...
HIDAKA, DO YOU...
For this...
WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME?
YES, PLEASE!!!
Like a lackey

Huh?
Huh?!!
And so,
It lasted like this until now—
SMOGGY
Too scared to correct him
Ahaaa
Ahaaa
HE'S SUCH AN IDIOT AND HE'S COLD, AND WHY IS HE SO TALL?
GIVE SOME OF THAT HEIGHT TO ME, YOU POKER-FACED TALL IDIOT!
He probably even has good handwriting
EVEN THOUGH HE'S STRONG, HE'S IN THE LITERATURE CLUB. WHAT IS THAT?!
AND HE'S NOT EVEN A FORMAL CLUB MEMBER!

And he doesn't even talk. I have no idea what he's thinking.
Does he really like me?
HUH?
TOUCH
WAH
!!!!
KAJIWARA- SOMETHING IS HOLDING MY HAND!!
AND WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING!!
PEEK

Ahh—
this guy.
really does
like me...

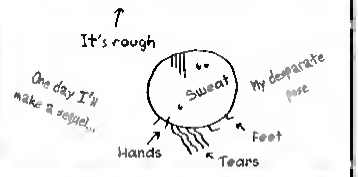
THERE!
Slap
.....
Hand is sweaty
SHAKE
SHAKE
!
Clasp
LOVER'S WAY

Is it because the one he likes is taking the initiative?
HIS EARS ARE ALL RED
SOMEHOW I FEEL REALLY HAPPY THIS FEELING ISN'T BAD
PFFT
.....
Hmm— though I still don't really understand,
it's fine to just follow him, right
KAJIWARA-SENPAI,
WHAT'S YOUR FIRST NAME?
You're just asking that now?!!
END

Back to main topic, this school series has another couple. I initially planned only 3 chapters for this volume, but ended up with 6 chapters after it began serializing, so I didn't get to this couple. I hope to have a chance to finish this couple elsewhere. It's Oakubo and Yanase from "Hita wa Sore wo Koi to Yobu"... laugh. They also have a stormy beginning.

Thank you for reading that! Looking back on it, it's about the same as I remembered.

I drew it before my debut, so although my editor wanted me to fill the pages, this is something I already drew. I had fun drawing this 8-page one-shot!



Speaking of, this sequel came about due to everyone's encouragement about "making Aoi gay"

While drawing this, everyone from Rutile was cheering me on, it was great!

I initially wanted to name this school series "King's road" or something similar, with a starting plot of "guy treated as a princess was being assaulted and the seme came to protect him." But I never got to draw fancy women's clothes, graduation scenes, or school group dates. The only thing I squeezed in is studying for tests... even though school stories have lots of fun activities!

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That's all!
Thank you for reading!
See you next time!

Bye-bye!

IF AOI REALLY HATES BEING CHASED AFTER BY GUYS,
WHY NOT JUST SHAVE YOUR HEAD?
Used to be in the baseball club
THEN EVERY-ONE WILL LEAVE YOU ALONE
I SHAVED IT BEFORE
EH?
That's right!!
IN SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL BUT HE ENDED UP BEING MORE POPULAR.
BECAUSE HIS HEAD SHAPE WAS PRETTY TOO
HE WAS GIVEN THE TITLE OF "WANT TO HUG THE BACK OF HIS HEAD"
And his nape
I'VE FINALLY SEEN THE DARK SIDE OF THIS SCHOOL...
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT IT TO BE PRETTY
AOI, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DENY THAT!
You hear?!

My club wanted me to shave my head too, but the president made an exception for me... It's tough, since I don't want to be chased after by guys either.
If they see me shave my head, they won't feed me for 2 weeks. And if I cut it too short, then they won't make me my bento.
The real reason that I don't shave my head is that the women in my household are all sadists.
My pride won't let me say the real reason